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ENERGY

By Jack Fitzpatrick

Today's Washington Brief

- President Obama declared an emergency in Florida on Thursday, ahead of Hurricane Matthew's contact with the state's Atlantic coast. The move authorizes the Federal Emergency Management Agency to coordinate responses to Hurricane Matthew in 28 counties. (Morning Consult)
- An aide to the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform said that National Institutes of Health officials have agreed to attend a hearing after questions were raised by lawmakers over its grants to the International Agency for Research on Cancer, a semi-autonomous part of the WHO based in Lyon, France. In recent years IARC has caused controversy over whether such things as coffee, mobile phones, processed meat and the weed killer glyphosate cause cancer. (Reuters)
- The United Nations' aviation arm overwhelmingly ratified an agreement Thursday to control global warming emissions from international airline flights, the first international climate-change pact to set limits on a single industry. The agreement, adopted overwhelmingly by the 191-nation International Civil Aviation Organization at a meeting in Montreal, sets airlines' carbon

emissions in the year 2020 as the upper limit of what carriers are allowed to discharge. (Associated Press)

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Today's Business Brief

- A court in Chad told Exxon Mobil Corp. to pay a record fine of \$74 billion, as well as \$819 million in royalties it said the oil company owed to the state, according to a court document. "We disagree with the Chadian court's ruling and are evaluating next steps," spokesman Todd Spitler said via email Thursday. (Bloomberg)
- A pair of liberal groups is accusing the American Legislative Exchange Council of abusing its nonprofit status, pointing to information about ExxonMobil Corp. as proof. The Center for Media Democracy and Common Cause say ALEC is engaging in corporate lobbying for organizations such as Exxon, while working under an IRS nonprofit designation that prohibits such lobbying. (The Hill)
- Crude-oil prices held above \$50 in early Asia trade Friday, thanks to declining U.S. inventories and reports that key members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and Russia will meet next week to discuss Russia's participation in the joint cut production. (MarketWatch)

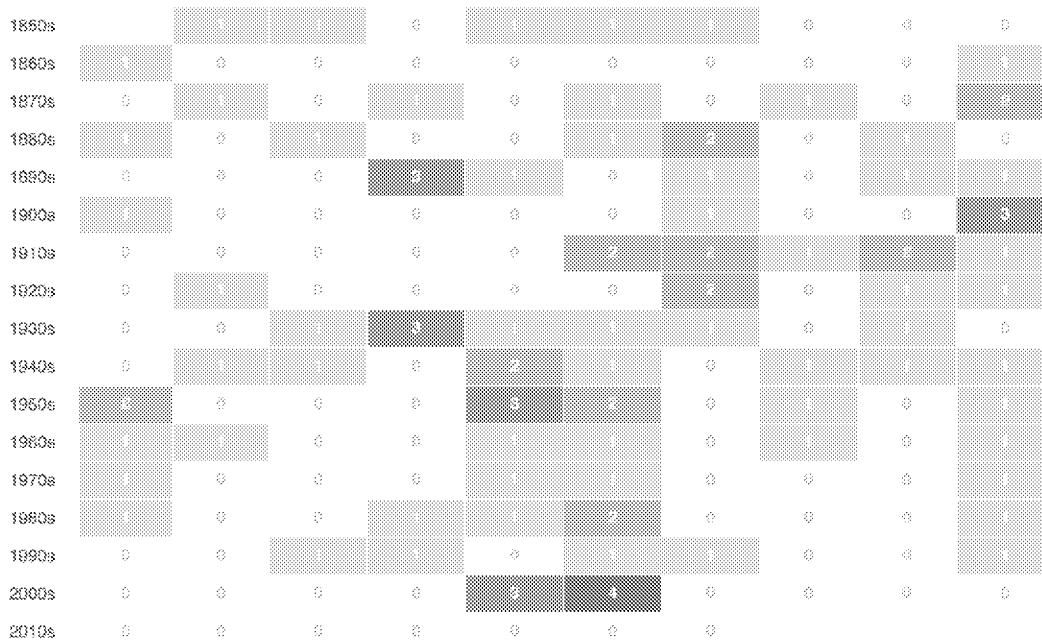
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Today's Chart Review

Matthew Could Break A Historic Lull In Major Hurricanes Hitting U.S.
NPR

Major Hurricanes Making Landfall In The U.S., By Year

Hurricanes whose highest category rating was 3 or above (1851-2014)



Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Credit: Alyson Hurt/NPR

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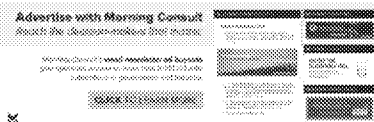
Friday

Tom Steyer, others, speak at Oberlin College forum on energy

8:15 a.m.

World Resources Institute hosts discussion on environmental benefits of securing indigenous land rights in the Amazon

10 a.m.



General

Obama Signs Florida Emergency Declaration **Jack Fitzpatrick, Morning Consult**

President Obama declared an emergency in Florida on Thursday, authorizing the Federal Emergency Management Agency to coordinate responses to Hurricane Matthew in 28 counties. The declaration offers federal aid to the state and local governments on emergency conditions, with a retroactive start date of Monday, the White House announced Thursday afternoon.

Hurricane Matthew stalks Florida coast **Catherine E. Shoichet, Madison Park and Steve Almasy, CNN**

Matthew's eyewall was brushing Cape Canaveral, while packing 100 miles per hour winds, according to the National Hurricane Center at 6 a.m. ET. It had not made landfall. The storm has killed at least 269 people in three Caribbean countries.

Gov. Scott on Hurricane Matthew: 'This Storm Will Kill You' **Jack Fitzpatrick, Morning Consult**

Florida Gov. Rick Scott (R) issued a dire warning Thursday morning to those who are in evacuation zones in his state where Hurricane Matthew could strike, urging residents to take the storm seriously. "If you need to evacuate and you haven't - evacuate. This storm will kill you," Scott said at a press conference.

US lawmakers to investigate funding of WHO cancer agency **Kate Kelland, Reuters**

Officials from the U.S. government's health research agency are to be questioned by a congressional committee about why taxpayers are funding a World Health Organization cancer agency facing criticism over how it classifies carcinogens. An aide to the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform told Reuters that National Institutes of Health officials have agreed to attend a hearing after questions were raised by

lawmakers over its grants to the International Agency for Research on Cancer, a semi-autonomous part of the WHO based in Lyon, France.

Liberal groups accuse ALEC, Exxon of tax violations
Timothy Cama and Megan R. Wilson, The Hill

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Dollar Gains as Stocks Fall Before Payrolls; Pound in Meltdown
James Regan and Stephen Kirkland, Bloomberg News

The dollar climbed to 10-week high and equities retreated before American payrolls data that may bolster the case for the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates this year. The pound tumbled as much as 6.1 percent.

Oil & Natural Gas

Exxon Mobil Fined \$74 Billion by Chad Court Over Royalties
Daniel N'Doh Nadjitan et al., Bloomberg News

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14 Senators Call on Obama to Permanently Block Arctic, Atlantic Drilling
Jack Fitzpatrick, Morning Consult

Fourteen senators urged President Obama to "permanently protect the Atlantic and Arctic Oceans from offshore oil and gas drilling," in a letter Thursday. The proposed offshore drilling plan for 2017-2022, which is set to be finalized later this year, blocks mining in the Atlantic Ocean but includes three potential sales in the Arctic.

Russia Tells Rosneft to Buy Smaller Oil Producer Bashneft
Laura Mills, The Wall Street Journal

The Russian government directed state oil producer PAO Rosneft to purchase a majority stake in PAO Bashneft, the largest sale of a Russian state-owned asset in a decade. In a statement Thursday, the government said it had ordered Rosneft's board to approve the acquisition of the government's 50.1 percent stake in Bashneft for \$5.3 billion.

World Bank: Middle East oil exporters face low growth
Daniel J. Graeber, UPI

Oil exporters in the Middle East and North Africa are expected to show lackluster economic growth because of lower oil prices, the World Bank said. "This year appears to be one of the toughest for the region in a while," Shanta Devarajan, the bank's chief regional economist, said in a statement.

No Fines, No Follow-Up After Massive Explosion At Wyoming Natural Gas Plant
Stephanie Joyce, Wyoming Public Radio

In 2014, a massive explosion tore through the Williams natural gas processing plant in Opal, forcing the evacuation of the southwestern Wyoming town and causing a spike in the price of natural gas. Wyoming's Occupational Safety and Health Administration conducted an investigation in the aftermath and found a number of safety violations, but the agency never collected the corresponding fines and never released a final report about the investigation.

Utilities & Infrastructure

Substation attack is new evidence of grid vulnerability
Peter Behr, EnergyWire

With just a few shots from a high-powered rifle, an unknown gunman knocked out an electric power substation in rural south-central Utah last month, cutting off electricity to 13,000 customers for a day and forcing the utility to wait at least six months until the station's disabled transformer is repaired or replaced. The midday attack on Sept. 25 hit the Garkane Energy Cooperative Inc.'s Buckskin substation between Kanab, Utah, and Page, Ariz., serving communities near the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

Illinois Congressman Visits Puerto Rico to See Landfill Crisis Up Close Kyle Plantz, Inside Sources

Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D-Ill.) visited the outskirts of San Juan, P.R., on Tuesday, to attend a community meeting with Toa Baja residents and environmental group advocates to discuss the landfill crisis and to see how it's impacting people with his own eyes. Gutierrez is of Puerto Rican heritage and lived on the island during his high school years.

Renewables

Tesla shares slide as investors hit the brakes Mamta Badkar, Financial Times

Investors hit the brakes on Tesla shares Thursday after analysts at Goldman Sachs soured on the electric carmaker, citing risks to the launch of its Model 3 mass market vehicle and its proposed tie-up with Solar City. Tesla shares slid 3.5 per cent to \$201.18 after analysts at Goldman Sachs downgraded Tesla from "buy" to "neutral" and lowered their six-month price target on the stock to \$185, from \$240 previously.

SolarCity Expands Services Into South Carolina Joshua S Hill, CleanTechnica

America's leading solar energy provider has expanded its business into yet another US state, announcing this week that it will be launching its residential services in South Carolina. Despite a rough year financially, SolarCity has continued with an impressive string of finance acquisitions and service expansion over the past few months.

Coal

Australian Ministers urged not to 'forget about coal' SkyNews

The Australian Minerals Council has urged ministers not to forget about coal in discussions ahead of an emergency COAG Energy Council Meeting in Melbourne. The special meeting was called by Federal Energy Minister

Josh Frydenberg to discuss uniform renewable energy targets and a formal review of the national power market, after the South Australian power outage last week.

Nuclear

Trump punts on Yucca nuclear waste site
Timothy Cama, The Hill

Donald Trump isn't taking a position for the time being on the highly contentious, decades-old proposal to build a federal nuclear waste repository in Nevada. Speaking late Wednesday with Las Vegas television station KSNV, the Republican presidential nominee acknowledged the controversial nature of the Yucca Mountain proposal, and said he would eventually stake out a position on it.

Climate

UN agreement reached on aircraft climate-change emissions
Joan Lowy, The Associated Press

The United Nations' aviation arm overwhelmingly ratified an agreement Thursday to control global warming emissions from international airline flights, the first international climate-change pact to set limits on a single industry. The agreement, adopted overwhelmingly by the 191-nation International Civil Aviation Organization at a meeting in Montreal, sets airlines' carbon emissions in the year 2020 as the upper limit of what carriers are allowed to discharge.

Matthew Could Break A Historic Lull In Major Hurricanes Hitting U.S.
Eyder Peralta, NPR

Matthew would become the first major hurricane, defined as a Category 3 and stronger, to make landfall in the mainland U.S. since Wilma hit Florida in 2005. The lull we're in now is the longest in recorded history.

Opinions, Editorials & Perspectives

Clean Manufacturing Leadership Will Power Economic Growth
Hugo Bague and Leo W. Gerard, Morning Consult

Today, President Obama kicks off National Manufacturing Day to celebrate the economic benefits that flow from America's leadership in manufacturing. From transportation to communications to health care, manufacturing has improved livelihoods, provided jobs, and boosted economic growth.

What About the Planet?
Paul Krugman, The New York Times

Our two major political parties are at odds on many issues, but nowhere is the gap bigger or more consequential than on climate. If Hillary Clinton wins, she will move forward with the Obama administration's combination of domestic clean-energy policies and international negotiation - a one-two punch that offers some hope of reining in greenhouse gas emissions before climate change turns into climate catastrophe.

Court should limit EPA's power
Sen. Steve Daines and Travis Kavulla, Billings Gazette

It's popular these days to say we should have a Montana-created energy policy. We completely agree. The EPA should not be allowed to commandeer it.

Research Reports, Issue Briefs & Case Studies

Electricity demand: Consumption in the Persian Gulf
Alessandro Rubino, Nature

Residential energy demand per capita in the six countries belonging to the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) - Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates - is significantly greater than in the OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) economies and China, and greater than the world average. Several factors might contribute to this remarkable situation, including the specific weather in the region, the fact that the administered nominal price for electricity is set at a level far below market price, and the domestic energy policies.



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